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## Agricultural Pesticides and Cancer Risk: Exploring the Connection

13 August 2008  
TORONTO -

Experts from around the world will lead discussions on the cancer risks of pesticides used on agricultural crops, at a ground-breaking conference organized and hosted by the Canadian Cancer Society.

*Exploring the Connection – A State of the Science Conference on Pesticides and Cancer* will take place November 12-13 in Toronto.

“This conference will be an important first step in setting the agenda for future research and action in this area,” says Heather Logan, Director, Cancer Control Policy, Canadian Cancer Society.

Experts from world renowned organizations – such as the International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organization and the U.S. National Cancer Institute – will be participating. Presentations include:

- The state of the science about pesticide exposure and cancer risk for:
  - agricultural workers (occupational exposure): **Aaron Blair**, U.S. National Cancer Institute
  - adult non-occupational exposure (people living near sprayed fields, residue on fruit and vegetables): **Mary Ward**, U.S. National Cancer Institute
  - children: **Peggy Reynolds**, Northern California Cancer Center
- the rationale of pesticide use in agricultural and other non-cosmetic settings: **Gerald Stephenson**, University of Guelph
- weighing and expressing scientific evidence: **Barry Kramer**, U.S. National Cancer Institute
- limitations of environmental exposure research: **Vincent Cogliano**, International Agency for Research on Cancer
- the Children’s Environmental Health Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) and policies to reduce children’s pesticide exposure: **Lucianne Licari**, WHO Europe, CEHAPE Coordinator
- organic farming: **Andrew Hammermeister**, Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada

“It’s shaping up to be an exciting and informative conference,” says Dawn Binns, Executive Director, PEI Division, Canadian Cancer Society. “We are committed to further understanding this important topic.”

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The conference will take place at the Marriott Toronto Bloor Yorkville Hotel.

For more information about the conference:

[www.cancer.ca/pesticidesconference](http://www.cancer.ca/pesticidesconference)

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer. When you want to know more about cancer, visit our website <http://www.cancer.ca/> or call our toll-free, bilingual Cancer Information Service at 1 888 939-3333.

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